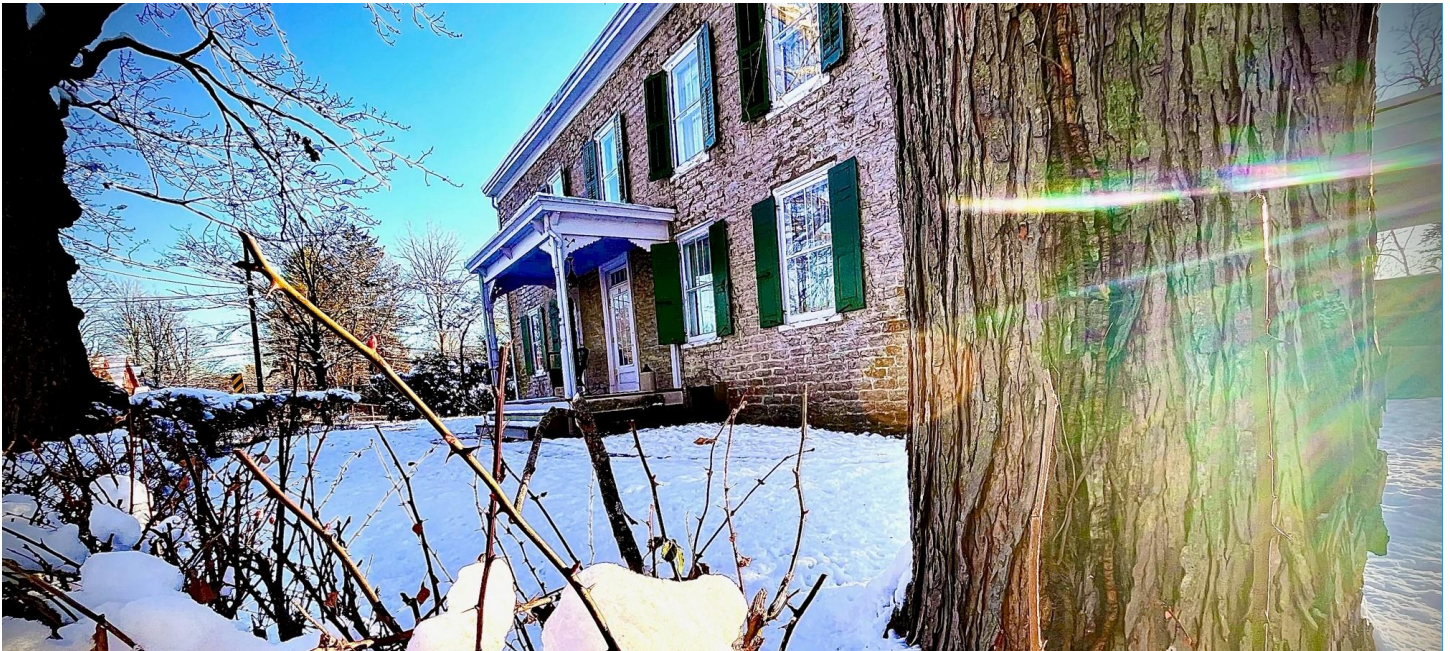


# HAPPENING IN HURLEY

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## KEEPING YOU INFORMED

This is the first issue of the town's new newsletter. The goal of the monthly publication is to provide residents with important information about Hurley, including what's happening in the town government and the community at large. The town also encourages residents to visit the website [townofhurley.org](http://townofhurley.org); sign up for email alerts (at bottom of website homepage); and follow us on Facebook and Instagram. Submissions for future newsletters should be emailed to [informationofficer@townofhurley.org](mailto:informationofficer@townofhurley.org) by the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. Future newsletters will be posted on the town's website and Facebook page, dropped off at local businesses and other gathering places, and mailed to town residents on request.

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## TOWN GRIEVANCE DAY IS MAY 23

Hurley's annual Grievance Day, during which people who own property in the town can challenge their assessments, will be held Tuesday, May 23, 2023, in the Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place. The tentative schedule is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., by appointment only. Details about how to make an appointment will be provided as the event gets closer.

## Transfer station: New hours, policies

The Hurley Transfer Station, at 1043 Dug Hill Road in West Hurley, is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday (but closed on Tuesdays during weeks with a Monday holiday).

Annual permits cost \$20 for town residents, \$60 for others.

The cost for solid waste (trash) disposal is 20 cents per pound.

Cash payments are no longer accepted. Annual permits and the new punch cards (which have the appropriate amount deducted at each drop-off) must be purchased with a check or money order at the Town Hall or the Transfer Station.



## THANKS TO VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

### NEARLY 1,000 CALLS HANDLED IN 2022

The Hurley Fire Department reports that it responded to 437 calls in 2022, its highest number ever.

The West Hurley Fire Department says it was dispatched to 520 calls last year.

The Town of Hurley thanks the members of these departments for their service and for keeping the residents of our community safe.

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## HURLEY PUBLIC MEETINGS IN 2023

### TOWN BOARD, PLANNING BOARD, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The **Town Board** will meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month. The exception is November, when there will be no meeting on the first Tuesday (Election Day, which is a town holiday). The first meeting each month, a workshop meeting, will be in the West Hurley Firehouse, 24 Wall St.; the second will be in the Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place.

The **Town Planning Board** will meet at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month in the Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place. There will be no meeting in August, and the November meeting date is still to be determined because the fourth Thursday is Thanksgiving.

The **Town Zoning Board of Appeals** will meet at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month in the Town Hall, 10 Wamsley Place. There will be no meeting in August.

# HURLEY'S 2022 in REVIEW

With 2022 now behind us, here's a look back at some of the year's actions and accomplishments by the Town of Hurley government.

## **EFFICIENCIES**

Hired a Town Bookkeeper to straighten out financial records and ensure bills are paid on time to avoid late fees and penalties.

Increased staffing in the Building Department and created a dedicated Zoning Enforcement Officer to ensure laws are enforced consistently and fairly.

Ensured the town takes advantage of free mandatory training for staff through our insurance company rather than hire attorneys to provide the training.

Increased Transfer Station revenues by collecting appropriate fees from haulers and residents.

Instituted internal controls for a cashless payment system, per New York State Comptroller's recommendations.

Updated procurement policy with appropriate environmental and clean energy guidelines.

Hired a Human Resources Consultant to update personnel policies and staff handbook, and establish better record-keeping.

Established a new town email system for employees and board/committee members.

## **TRANSPARENCY**

Passed a resolution to create a public comment period prior to each board meeting.

Filled the new position of Public Information Officer to ensure communications are provided to the public and news media consistently.

Updated the town's website and improved social media presence.

Addressed and resolved, in a timely manner, concerns brought to the town by residents.

## **LAND USE**

Created a Zoning Task Force to address conflicts, inconsistencies and gaps within the code.

Started the process of updating the Town Comprehensive Plan; collected surveys, and held community meetings.

Approved and put in place a short-term rental application process; hired a consultant to identify rental sites throughout the town and assist with concerns about them.

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## **2022 in REVIEW** (continued from previous page)

### **LAND USE** (continued)

Approved local laws covering such issues as fill and grading; allowing chickens and bees to be kept in R-1 and R-2 zones; and indemnification of public officers and employees.

### **OLD LANDFILL/LEACHATE SYSTEM**

Continued corrective action with engineers and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; complied with state testing and reporting requirements.

### **EMPLOYEE SAFETY**

Moved Highway Department employees to a temporary facility with a healthy, safe work environment until a new garage is established.

### **LIABILITY PROTECTION**

Ensured all town-owned properties and structures are covered by insurance.

Addressed concerns raised by the town's insurance carriers about issues that could expose the town to liability.

Ensured all boards are provided with legal counsel to mitigate potential for litigation and avoid procedural pitfalls.

## **Hurley Senior Citizens group schedules monthly meetings for 2023**



The Hurley Senior Citizens group meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Hurley Reformed Church, 11 Main St. (except in August, when there is no meeting).

The meetings begin at 1:30 p.m. in the church's Schadewald Hall.

The speaker at the Feb. 2 meeting will be Ellen Kalish of the Ravensbeard Wildlife Center, a sanctuary for injured birds. The topic of the March 2 meeting will be "Addiction - Young and Elderly," presented by Randi Kelder of Raising Your Awareness about Narcotics (RYAN).

NOTE: Meetings are canceled if the Kingston School District has a snow day.

## **Your town newsletter**

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# TOWN HALL SCHEDULE FOR 2023



The Hurley Town Hall, at 10 Wamsley Place, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, except for the following dates, when the building is closed. (Weather-related closings are posted on the town's website and Facebook page.)

**New Year's Day (observed):** Monday, Jan.2

**Presidents Day:** Monday, Feb. 20

**Memorial Day:** Monday, May 29

**Independence Day:** Tuesday, July 4

**Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day:** Monday, Oct. 9

**Veterans Day:** Friday, Nov. 10 (because holiday is Saturday)

**Native American Heritage Day:** Friday, Nov 24

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** Monday, Jan. 16

**April Fools Day:** April 1 (because, well, it's a Saturday)

**Juneteenth:** Monday, June 19

**Labor Day:** Monday, Sept. 4

**Election Day:** Tuesday, Nov. 7

**Thanksgiving:** Thursday, Nov. 23

**Christmas:** Monday, Dec. 25

**(NOTE:** When a holiday falls on a Monday, the town Transfer Station, which always is closed on Mondays, will be closed on the Tuesday of the holiday week.)

## Simpson sworn in as Town Board member



Gregory Simpson was sworn in as a member of the Hurley Town Board on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023.

Simpson, 58, was sworn in at the Town Hall on Wamsley Place by Hurley Supervisor Melinda McKnight.

Simpson was appointed to the Town Board in January 2022 to fill the seat vacated by McKnight when she became supervisor. He then was elected in November 2022 to finish the term, which ends Dec. 31, 2023.

<< PHOTO: Gregory Simpson is sworn in by Supervisor Melinda McKnight.

## Reminder about parking during wintry weather



Vehicles that park on roads in Hurley must be removed from the roads within one hour of the start of any snowfall or other wintry precipitation event and remain off the roads until one day after the snow or precipitation event. Any vehicles parked or abandoned on a town-maintained road during a winter weather event can be towed at the owner's expense.

## PaintCare program makes disposal of old cans easier



Paint disposal is now more convenient for residents and businesses in New York, thanks to the state's new Paint Stewardship Law, which took effect in May 2022. The program is administered by PaintCare Inc., a nonprofit organization representing paint manufacturers and paint stewardship programs.

Latex paint is now accepted at the Ulster County Resource Recover Agency's Household Hazardous Waste Collection events (the agency will post its 2023 collection schedule in March at the website [tinyurl.com/2fyjfbky](https://tinyurl.com/2fyjfbky)); and at PaintCare sites across New York state, including four in Ulster County: Sherwin-Williams, 568 Albany Ave., Kingston; Herzog's True Value Home Center, Kingston Plaza, Kingston; Habitat ReStore, 406 Route 28, Town of Ulster; and Saugerties Lumber/True Value, 223 Ulster Ave., Saugerties.

The program is open to households and businesses (limit: 5 gallons per visit, possibly varying at some sites). Paint is accepted at the drop-off sites during their regular business hours.

The drop-off sites accept latex and oil-based house paints, stains and varnishes. The sites do not accept spray paint or other spray products, containers without original labels, or containers that are leaking or empty.

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